Homicide Unit Investigating Shooting, Suspect in Custody

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is investigating a shooting that occurred yesterday afternoon in Felton that left one man dead. The suspect has been identified and has been taken into custody in Maryland.

On March 16, 2023, at approximately 4:17 p.m., troopers responded to a shooting that occurred on the 200 block of Reeves Crossing Road in Felton. Upon their arrival, troopers found a 36-year-old man in the roadway who had been shot in his upper body. EMS personnel attempted to treat the victim but he was later pronounced dead at the scene. Identification of the victim is pending notification to his family and relatives.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit assumed the investigation and learned that the suspect, identified as 36-year-old **Steven M. Smith** of Centreville, Maryland, had an ongoing dispute with the victim. Smith drove to Reeves Crossing Road to confront the man, and when he arrived he began shooting at him with a rifle. After the shooting Smith fled to his residence in Centreville.

Smith was later taken into custody without incident at his home in Maryland by the Queen Anne’s County Sheriff’s Office. Smith is currently incarcerated in Maryland and will be extradited to Delaware to face charges of Murder First Degree and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony.

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The Homicide Unit is still actively investigating this incident. Detectives are asking for anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective M. Csapo by calling

302-741-2729. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the **Delaware State Police** or contacting **Delaware Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-847-3333.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and need assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit / **Delaware Victim Center** is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline at 1-800-VICTIM-1 (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at **DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov**.

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